

## MHV Scheme News

### Welcome to Jason Hurst - Interim General Manager

The Board appointed Jason Hurst as Interim General Manager following Mel's departure in December.



Jason began in the role on 14 January 2025. He grew up in Mid Canterbury and has over 20 years of experience across various roles in rural and urban settings. He has spent the last 15 months contracting with MHV Water delivering commercially focused projects.

Prior to MHV, he spent 15 years at Ravensdown in various leadership roles across finance, supply chain, and operations. He has also served as both National and South Island Store Operations Manager, focusing on team development and customer service. More recently, he served as Chief Operations Officer at Livestock Visibility Solutions (LVS), where he has led strategic growth initiatives for a newly commercial agtech product.

Jason can be contacted on 021 950 142 or [jason@mhvwater.nz](mailto:jason@mhvwater.nz)

The Board is advancing the recruitment process to appoint a permanent CEO.

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## Applications are open for the MHV Planting Fund

MHV introduced a planting fund for the 2024-25 year with a total contestable pool of \$50,000 over two application rounds.

The first round closed at the end of August, and funding was approved for four applications. The purpose of the planting fund is to contribute to the improving health of the waterbodies more holistically, to encourage and demonstrate their improving health beyond just the nitrate levels.

MHV will contribute up to 50% of the cost of plants for a planting project that a shareholder or farm within our enviro programme wishes to undertake, up to a maximum of \$5,000. Additional contribution and projects can be funded on approval by the Board.

Priority will be given to projects which enhance the surface water bodies which are monitored for our consent, thereby benefitting all shareholders and the wider catchment.

[Applications](#) for the second round of funding must be received by **28 February 2024**.

The policy contains further information and can be found on our [website](#).

## Waitangi weekend office closure

With Waitangi weekend falling on Thursday, the Burnett St office will be closed Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February. It will reopen on Monday 10 February,

If you require urgent operational assistance during that time, please contact your [duty phone](#).

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## Environmental Law Initiative (ELI) - Judicial Review

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding the ELI judicial review of MHV Water's discharge consent, granted by Environment Canterbury (ECan). This review, which focuses on technical points of law, is scheduled for a High Court hearing in May 2025.

MHV Water will continue to do the right thing by the consent and by the environment. The claim has no immediate implications for our discharge. We continue to operate under the existing consent, and if there were a High Court ruling which was not in ECan's (or MHV's) favour, we would revert to our previous consent and maintain operations while the matter is resolved. For more details, refer to our 29August 2024 newsletter or contact Jason Hurst (Interim General Manager).

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## Annual General Meeting minutes

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting have been confirmed by the Board and are attached to this email. A hard copy will be available from the office on request.

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Good luck to our shareholders and community members entering the Coast to Coast this weekend.

